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The Asia-Pacific region has entered uncharted waters amidst worsening Sino-US contention. Few countries in Asia can resist the pressure choose sides, especially pressure from the United States. Very often this means to choose from their geopolitical interests and geo-economic interests, but it seems that the geopolitical logic is increasingly taking the upper hand in the race. As a result, we are witnessing tremendous uncertainties in major power competition which have increasingly becoming zero-sum. This talk will analyze some strategic issues concerning the direction of regional security-making in the short-to-medium term. Among the topics of discussion will be militarized US-China contention in the South China Sea, Japan's substantial shift in defense posture, the return to nuclear confrontation in the Korean Peninsula, and the effect of the Ukraine War in Asia.

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